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SUBJECT: UNESCO INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE ON COMMUNICA-  
TIONPOLICIESINASIA AND OCEANIA, KUALA LUMPUR, JUNE 19-28

1. DEPT REQUESTS PERMDEL ADVISE UNESCO SECRETARIAT THAT  
U.S. WISHES TO ATTEND SUBJECT CONFERENCE WITH OBSERVER  
STATUS. DELEGATION LIKELY TO CONSIST OF ONE PERSON (DEPT  
OFF).

2. LEONARD MARKS SEEKING ACCREDITATION AS OBSERVER TO CON-  
FERENCE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF WORLD PRESS FREEDOM COMMITTEE  
(WPFC), OF WHICH HE IS TREASURER, MAKING REQUEST DIRECTLY  
TO UNESCO OFFICIALS. WRITTEN REPLY HE RECEIVED FROM UNESCO  
AMBIGUOUS, I.E., DOES NOT ADDRESS QUESTION OF CERTIFYING  
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WPFC AS NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE  
OBSERVER INVITATION AND SEEMS TO SUGGEST THAT HIS ATTEND-  
ANCE WOULD NORMALLY BE AS PART OF MEMBER STATE OBSERVER  
DELEGATION, PRESUMABLY THAT OF U.S. IN PRINCIPLE, DEPT  
WILLING TO CONSIDER AN ADDITION TO OUR OBSERVER DELEGATION  
(PROVIDED EXPENSES FUNDED FROM OTHER SOURCES) BUT BELIEVES  
IT APPROPRIATE AND HIGHLY PREFERABLE FOR WPFC TO HAVE

SEPARATE ACCREDITATION. DEPT HAS NOT DISCUSSED THIS POINT WITH WPFC, BUT IT IS CERTAIN THAT COMMITTEE WOULD PERCEIVE ITS INDEPENDENCE UNDERMINED BY CLOSE IDENTIFICATION WITH ANY GOVERNMENT. MOREOVER, IT IS COMPOSED OF MEMBERS REPRESENTING ONE WORLDWIDE AND FOUR REGIONAL MEDIA ORGANIZATIONS AND PRESS ASSOCIATIONS IN SEVEN COUNTRIES OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING TWO WITH PARTICIPANT STATUS IN THE KUALA LUMPUR CONFERENCE (JAPAN AND AUSTRALIA). FURTHERMORE, PRECEDENT FOR ACCORDING OBSERVER STATUS TO WPFC ESTABLISHED AT DECEMBER 1977 CONFERENCE ON ASIAN NEWS AGENCIES IN COLOMBO.

3. IT IS NOTED THAT WPFC IS NOT INCLUDED ON LIST OF NGO'S EXECUTIVE BOARD APPROVED TO BE INVITED TO CONFERENCE (BULLETIN OF 103 EXBD ITEM 5.4.1, AUGUST 10 AND CORRECTION SEPTEMBER 14, 1977). PERMDEL IS REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN IF DG INTENDS TO REOPEN QUESTION OF NGO'S TO BE INVITED AS OBSERVERS DURING 104TH SESSION OF EXECUTIVE BOARD AND IF SO, WOULD HE CONSIDER A RECOMMENDATION TO ADD WORLD PRESS FREEDOM COMMITTEE TO INVITATION LIST. GIVEN THE INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER OF ITS MEMBERSHIP AND ITS ACTIVE COMMITMENT TO ASSISTING MASS COMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT IN THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES, DEPT BELIEVES IT IS ON VERY FIRM GROUND IN SOLICITING OBSERVER STATUS. VANCE

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